

## COMMERCIAL CLUB DISCUSSES PROBLEMS

### Fair Plans for This Year Indicate Faster Horses.

The Commercial Club held their regular monthly meeting this week but there was not the usual attendance or interest, many of the members being at Vale on account of the grand jury being in session.

The matter of the road to the John Day valley was not reported on regularly because Judge Wood was absent, but A. R. Riddle gave a brief review of what had been accomplished.

There was nothing new to report regarding the cannery and fruit evaporator, most of the committee being away.

The matter of a county fair was brought up to get the ideas of the members as to what was best in the way of entertainment and it appeared that it was possible for the fair management to get a string of horses here for the week of September 18 and after much discussion it was decided to hold the fair four days and have the races as the feature.

It also developed that on the dates selected it would be possible to get an excellent line of side attractions, about double what was here last year and it seemed to be the sense of those present that it was the proper thing to secure the attractions and let the people know that the fair this year was going to be the best ever held and that the amusement line was to be larger and better than ever before.

The matter of organizing a Tax-Payers' League was discussed and all admitted there was at present a great waste of county funds and that it was about time to call a halt, but it was deemed advisable to let the outside precincts get organized first.

The matter of a Fourth of July celebration was discussed and turned over to the Merchants' committee.

The road situation was discussed and it was reported that some money would be expended on permanently improving the Vale Ontario road.

## THE INTER-STATE TRACK MEET FRIDAY

The School is planning for a big time Friday when they will hold an inter-state track meet here.

There will be men here from Baker, Boise, Payette and Nyssa and the locals.

The merchants of the city have agreed to close their stores from 2:30 to 4:30 so that all may attend.

The following will close:

W. T. Lampkin, Morton Bros., Christiansen Bros., Malheur Mercantile Co., Toggery Bill, Millinery & Art Store, E. Cops, R. W. Swagler, Electric Investment Co., Ontario Furniture Co., Wilson Bros., W. H. Doolittle, Newton Shoe Store, Wm. Taylor, Louis Hurtle, Wm. Letson, McNulty & Co., Oregon Packing Co., Cash Bazaar, The Bonnet Shop, Alexander Co., Ontario Hardware Co., First National Bank, Ontario National Bank, Rader Bros. Co., Boyer Bros. Co., A. L. McDowell, C. P. Cummings, Art Dunnuck, The Osborn Millinery, Purity Bakery, Ontario Market, Troxell Imp. Co., K. Erickson, V. W. Marsden Machine Co.

Among the Ontario boys who are expected to do something are: Lee Maddux, Roland Koenig, Fred Teak, Joy Husted, Paul Van Patten, Glenn Brown, Bernard Rader, Rob Bender, Claud Christiansen, Arthur Cookrum, Alfred Holland, James Duncan, Marcus Pinney and Irving Harris.

The local team is strong in the dashes and middle distance events. The events will be, dashes, 100 yard, 50 yard, 220 yard; hurdles, 220 yards and 120 yards.

Distance runs, one half mile, one fourth mile and mile. Field events, discus, shot, javelin, broad jump and pole vault.

## WANT TO INSTALL A FOUNTAIN

The W. C. T. U. will give a Silver Tea at the residence of Mrs. Lee Tuesday, May 2, for the purpose of raising funds to install a public fountain. All are cordially invited.

## RULING ON THE TAX COLLECTING TIME

Salem, Oge., April 15.—(Special.)—The right of a taxpayer to pay the first half of his taxes after April 5 without paying the second half was emphasized today by the State Tax Commission in a letter to Sheriff Bodine, of Linn County.

On payment so made the Commission holds that the interest is to be charged only on the first half, at the flat rate of 1 per cent for each month or part of month that payment is deferred after April 5.

Under the law now in effect, the second half is not due and payable until October 5, regardless of whether the first half was paid by April 5. Prior to October 6, the date of tax delinquency, the two halves represent distinct obligations.

The Commission rules that while taxes may be paid in full any time, failure to pay the first half by April 5 does not change the status of the second half, nor the requirements for its payment.

You can always tell a pinheaded man. Praise puffs him up like a toad and he subdues only when he busts.



## THE REGULAR PANEL OF JURORS

Regular Juror Panel of the April, 1916 term of the Circuit Court commencing on the 24th day of April, 1916.

James Morfitt, Malheur, Stockman Maurice Townsend, Ontario, Bee-Man George Dickerson, Vale Farmer J. M. Butler, Ontario, Farmer E. H. Brumback, Big Bend, Farmer A. H. Groth, Jordan Valley, Stockman Ray Wilson, Ontario, Merchant C. E. Peck, Kingman Colony, Farmer C. O. Howard, Bonita, Stockman E. A. Wisdom, Ontario, Painter A. B. Cox, Jamieson, Farmer J. M. Randleman, Westfall, Stockman Ernie Hayes, Vale, Merchant S. F. Sutton, Cord, Stockman H. H. Tunny, Ontario, Farmer T. T. Kahout, Jordan Valley, Merch'nt J. P. Dunaway, Vale, Banker Ray Duncan, Ironside, Stockman E. C. Wilson, Nyssa, Merchant Henry Wakerlig, Westfall, Stockman J. W. Graff, Succor Creek, Stockman W. B. Van Dyke, Nyssa, Farmer Harvey Hatch, Big Bend, Farmer T. A. Boston, Vale, Farmer C. C. Hunt, Nyssa, Farmer Walter Pinkston, Owyhee, Farmer G. G. Brown, Nyssa, Farmer A. J. Ufford, Jordan Valley, Stockman H. R. Sherwood, Nyssa, Farmer H. O. Stacey, Vale, Farmer C. M. Beaumont, Owyhee, Farmer Grand Jurors for the January Adjourned Term commencing on the 17th day of April, 1916. B. W. Mulkey, Foreman, Vale, B'n'k'r Walter Weaver, Bonita, Farmer Oliver Mayfield, Snake River, Farmer James Fretwell, Jordan V., Stockman S. J. Mathews, Snake River, Farmer H. L. Peterson, Ontario, Merchant E. J. Beam, Ironside, Stockman

## WILSON SENDS ANOTHER FINAL WORD TO THE GERMANS

### The Nation Believes It Is Time to Stop Wasting Words for Political Effect.

Washington, April 19.—President Wilson today served notice to Germany that it must stop its submarine campaign immediately or diplomatic relations will be severed.

With the note already cabled, the president went before congress at noon and read a special message at the joint session.

A spirit akin to war pervaded in Washington following the reading of the message. Nevertheless, responsible German officials gave a broad in-

## VILLA'S DEATH HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY ARMY

There has not been anything doing. The American army is at a standstill. The line of communication is too long to keep the men supplied and there is now no object to proceed. The remaining Villa bands are too small to have an army follow.

## SOME OBJECTIONS BEING MADE TO H. N. FORD HAVING SO MANY WIVES AT ONE TIME

The Portland Telegram of Monday contained a long article setting forth that H. N. Ford, who conducted what is now the Ontario Garage a few years ago and before that was in Vale in the auto business, has too many wives.

It appears that when Ford was in Alaska 18 years ago he was married according to Alaskan custom to Caroline Voght. Mrs. Ford and her daughter later went to California, while Ford remained in Alaska. Finally Ford returned to Oregon and lived with Mrs. Ford and they acquired considerable property with money inherited by Mrs. Ford.

Mrs. Ford went away and when she returned she found her husband running a stage line and hotel at Vale and living with a woman known as his wife, but in reality Elizabeth Frary.

This is the story of Miss Frary, as told to Deputy Sheriff Beckman by Mrs. Ford.

Elizabeth Frary drifted to Alaska while Ford was courting the California girl. She is part Indian. All through their married life Miss Frary kept her hold on the husband of Mrs. Ford. When Mrs. Ford left the North, Miss Frary stayed. She came south when the Fords came to Oregon. When Mrs. Ford left for a while she established herself as the Mrs. Ford. Miss Frary is summed up in the sheriff's report in these words, which tell it all: "She is 40 years old; looks 30."

Forging Mrs. Ford's Name.

The property in Oregon was in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Ford. To get the money on this property, Mr. and Mrs. Ford had to sign the deed or mortgage. Ford and Miss Frary, it is alleged, signed away that which Mrs. Ford had helped Ford gather. The lowest estimate on the value of the property involved is \$12,000; some say Ford and Miss Frary had \$50,000 when they left Oregon.

Once there was a picture. Ford had a photograph of the real Mrs. Ford and her baby. When the woman, who was 40 but looked 30, found the picture, she sent it to Mrs. Ford, with this written in pencil on the back:

A Vengeful Woman's Message. "Don't want anything like this around. Only lawful wives count these days, and the best a woman of your kind gets is revenge. I hope you keep it up and in time you will let the world know who you are and what your child is. Then I will be able to go on and live my life in peace as the wife of H. N. Ford, which you have never been by law."

That is about all of the story. The police are trying to locate Ford and his paramour but they have covered their tracks and it may take some time.

Hazel Dawn in Clarissa, Dreamland, Saturday Night.

## THE BENEFITS OF SCHOOL TRAINING

A small but attentive audience was present at the City Hall last Friday evening to hear Dr. J. H. Gilbert, of the University of Oregon speak on the subject, "Education and Public Opinion." Counter attractions and poor publicity were responsible for the small turnout. The speaker showed that high school and college education leads to a saner and more comprehensive public opinion, which in turn, will have a greater influence in improving social and business conditions.

Dr. Gilbert is a professor in the Economics Department of the University, and is a graduate of Columbia University, New York, as well as the University of Oregon. He is one of the leading authorities of the Northwest on Labor Problems, Tax Reforms, and other economic questions. He makes numerous talks over the state in the interests of the Extension Department of the University, and on this trip has visited Baker, Ontario, Vale, Nyssa, and tried to get into Jordan Valley but failed because of bad roads. The Ontario lecture was under the auspices of the Women's Club, which was instrumental in bringing him here. While in Ontario, Dr. Gilbert was entertained by Earl Blackaby a former student of his at the University.



## TEACHERS ELECTED FOR THE SCHOOL

The School Board met Tuesday and elected the teachers for the coming year.

E. G. Bailey is retained as principal.

For the high school they have L. L. Culbertson, history and mathematics.

D. A. Hiles, bookkeeping, business correspondence and supervision of grade writing.

R. J. Davis, now of Nyssa, English and Latin.

Miss Berge, of Comanche, Okla., German, English and Music.

Leona Rader, domestic science. For the grades, Nellie Platt, Edna Griffin, Mae Platt, Olive C. Clement, Ruth Purcell, E. Bailey, Lucy B. Fox, Jennie Whitaker, Lucella Callin, G. Eva Boydell, Cora McNulty, Twyla Head and Emma McGivern.

## SPOTTED FEVER PROVES FATAL

Chris. Dunean died at the hospital Sunday from spotted fever and was buried from the Catholic church Tuesday. Father Campo officiating, Jas. F. Farley director. Mr. Dunean was among the first settlers of the Juntura section and leaves a wife and adopted child together with a host of friends to mourn his departure.

The issue, however, appears to be preparedness or unpreparedness, fight or skeddaddle.

## TO IRRIGATE LITTLE WILLOW VALLEY

### A Partial Water Right to Be Improved.

Surveyor General Utter on Monday, April 24, will send Walter H. Heyda with a double party of engineers, consisting of a transit and level party, to the Little Willow creek country, lying about 10 miles from Payette, to do the necessary surveying to enable him to make plans and estimate the cost of construction of an irrigation system for that district.

The works will consist of an impounding dam and a lateral distribution system. The dam will be constructed of reinforced concrete of the multiple arch type, 85 feet high, and the reservoir will hold thirty-eight thousand acre feet of water.

Land All Settled.

There will be about seven thousand acres in the district, which is all settled and well developed. A portion of it is now being irrigated for a short time in the spring, the creek going dry later. A carefully tabulated statement of the resources of this district divulges the fact that in 1914 there was \$58,500 worth of produce raised and sold from the farms, the larger portion of it being livestock and dairy products.

General Utter stated Tuesday that the district would vote a \$210,000 bond issue, which would be purchased by associates of D. Miller, president of the Wickahoney Land & Water company, and that this company will take charge of the construction of the work, turning it over to the district, completed and ready for use.—Statesman.

## BANKS ARE OVER- FLOWING WITH MONEY

Washington.—Financial prosperity and strength are greater in the United States today than ever before and is rising rapidly to new levels, according to the interpretation placed by the Controller of the Currency on figures made public today showing conditions March 17, the date of the last bank call, in the country's National banks. Here is what the returns show:

Total resources of National banks, \$12,838,000,000, an increase of \$2,271,000,000 or 20 per cent within a year.

Total deposits, \$10,790,000,000, an increase of \$2,195,000,000, or nearly 25 per cent within a year and an increase of \$411,000,000 since December 31 last.

Growth of Resources Enormous.

An increase of \$990,000,000 in loans and discounts within a year.

Surplus and undivided profits of \$1,031,278,000, an increase of \$18,000,000.

The increase in resources within the past 12 months alone, Controller Williams pointed out in a statement tonight, exceeds the entire resources of the Reichsbank of Germany; and the aggregate resources of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Bank of Russia, the Reichsbank of Germany, the Bank of the Netherlands, the Swiss National Bank and the Bank of Japan.

"It is conservatively estimated," reads the Controller's statement, "that the surplus reserve now held by the National banks would be sufficient to give a further lending power of \$3,000,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000 should the growth and development of commerce, agriculture or industry call for so huge an enlargement of credit."

No Inflation Manifest.

"Notwithstanding the Anglo-French loan of \$500,000,000 and the loans made to other foreign powers, amounting to several hundred million dollars additional, in which our banks, to a greater or less degree, have participated, there are no indications of unsound inflation of excessive loans, and the National banks of the country have never been in a stronger position than they are at this time."

The water for the city irrigation will be turned on in a few days. There has been some delay occasioned by delay in receiving some pipe, but this will soon be in place.